

I expect my television stations to be uninvolved in the free election process of the United States unless it provides air time to each side of an issue or a candidate race. To allow a station using public airwaves to show anti-any candidate propaganda without payment or like provision for the oponent is unacceptable. Please do what you can to enforce equal, unbiased exposure and/or to revoke the licenses of those stations who choose to strongarm it's viewers into voting one way or another. Yes, I have the choice to change the channel, however, I should be able to enjoy regular programming instead of an extended anti-Kerry advertisement in the form of the propoganda that Sinclair Broadcasting is planning to air.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.